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Governor Brewer Appoints Pima County Superior Court Judge

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today appointed Joan Wagener to the Pima County Superior Court.

“Joan possesses more than 25 years of legal experience in Arizona, including serving for more than a decade as a Court Commissioner,” said Governor Jan Brewer. “Her extensive judicial background, in addition to her years in private practice, will be a valuable asset to the court and the citizens of Pima County.”

Ms. Wagener has been a Court Commissioner since 2000, most recently assigned to family court (2012-present) and juvenile court (2000-12). Prior to serving as Commissioner, Ms. Wagener had her own private practice (1993-2000) and worked for the law firms of Ann Haralambie (1990-93) and Richards & Pennington (1988-1990). While in private practice, Ms. Wagener focused on family and juvenile law. She also handled probate, guardianship, personal injury and misdemeanor criminal cases.

Ms. Wagener is actively involved in the legal community. She has assisted in organizing and conducting new contract attorney training (2003-07); edited and updated portions of the Juvenile Bench Book and Family Law Bench Book; and lectured on the areas of divorce, termination of parental rights, children's records laws and youth participation in court hearings.

Additionally, Ms. Wagener is a member of the Arizona Minority Bar and Arizona Asian American Bar; *ad hoc* member of the Pima County-City of Tucson Commission on Addiction Prevention and Treatment; Co-Chair of the Superior Court Advisory Committee on Workforce Diversity; participant in Lawyers for Literacy; and founding member of the foster care alumni association, In My Shoes. She is a past member of the National Association of Counsel for Children and Arizona Council of Attorneys for Children. In 2007, Ms. Wagener was recognized by Meth Free Alliance for her involvement in community activities aimed at strengthening and improving the quality of life for families.

Ms. Wagener received her J.D. (1987) and B.A. in Political Science (1985) from the University of Arizona. Her appointment by the governor was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Ted Borek.

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